

*New Hampshire*

## Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Committee

*A memorial to remember N.H. Law Enforcement Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty*

CONCORD-On Friday, May 20, 2016, the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial will be held at the site of the Police Memorial at 10:00 AM. The New Hampshire Police Memorial is located on State Street on the grounds of the Legislative Office Building, behind the State House in Concord. All sworn and civilian members of law enforcement, department of corrections, the legislature, the public and media are invited to attend. The program will last approximately one hour. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held inside the State House in Representatives Hall.

Speakers will include her Excellency Governor Margaret Wood Hassan and United States Attorney Emily Rice. Attorney General Joseph Foster will be reading the Roll of Honor, recognizing the names of New Hampshire's 48 fallen police officers.

This year, the names of 252 officers killed in the line of duty are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. These 252 officers include 128 officers who were killed during 2015, plus 124 officers who died in previous years but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now.

This year one name was added to the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial, Deputy Sheriff John S. Walker, Sr., of the Cheshire County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Sheriff Walker, Sr., is now recorded as New Hampshire's first police officer line of duty death. Deputy Walker died on April 22, 1886, as the result of injuries sustained from an incident on March 16, 1886. Deputy Walker responded for a civil standby at the Jennings residence in Walpole. Mrs. Jennings was reported to be in an abusive relationship, she had filed for divorce and she requested assistance in removing her personal belongings. Mr. Jennings was cooperative during the removal however, his demeanor changed when the wagoner accidentally loaded a box containing disputed items. Mr. Jennings became enraged, attacking Deputy Walker with an axe, striking him in the head and arm resulting in severe injuries. Deputy Walker was not able to recuperate from his injuries and he died on April 22, 1886.

The New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums will perform at the ceremony, along with the nationally acclaimed Londonderry High School Marching Lancers who will also perform several musical selections.

The event is being sponsored by the New Hampshire Troopers Association, the New Hampshire Police Association, the Police Chief's Association of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Sheriff's Association, the Hundred Club of New Hampshire, the City of Concord and the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Committee.

The New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Committee is still seeking donations for the perpetual care fund and donations of any amount would be greatly appreciated.

To make a donation, please make checks payable to the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Memorial Association and mail to :

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Please direct any questions to Colonel Kevin Jordan, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department at 271-3128 or Lieutenant Gregory Ferry, New Hampshire State Police at 223-8761.

